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FULTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Statement by Vice -Chair Emma I. Darnell Regarding North Fulton Legislators' Proposed Redistricting Map

The County Attorney is reviewing the proposed Redistricting Legislation sponsored by certain North Fulton Legislators. The map represents a recipe for social, economic and political disaster! Fulton County has ended another year with no property tax increases, no substantial cuts in services and an 8.33% reserve of approximately \$40 million dollars. Why should we reduce the ability of minority voters to select candidates of their choice by changing the structure of the county from five (5) **county** districts to three (3) **minority** districts in the South and three (3) **non-minority** districts in the North?

It doesn't make sense and it doesn't make sense to at least 64% of the registered voters in Fulton County.

Emma Darnell serves as Vice-Chair of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners and represents District Five. The Fulton County Board of Commissioners provides leadership over the largest county in the State of Georgia. It is a seven-member governing commission representing 14 municipalities with a diverse population of nearly one million residents, including the City of Atlanta.

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